R A L P H BILL STATUS April 3, 2001
REPORT OF LAST DAY'S ACTION - SENATE

# SB 12 LENTINI CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Authorizes jurors to take notes during criminal trials. Rules suspended; reported favorably.

### SB 19 THEUNISSEN FUNDS/FUNDING

Increases the maximum annual amount an airport can receive from the General Aviation and Reliever Airport Maintenance Grant Program under certain conditions.

Rules suspended.

Read by title and finally passed, 36 yeas and 0 nays. Title read and adopted and bill ordered to the House. Motion to reconsider tabled.

### SB 29 LENTINI CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Permits written charges to go to the jury room during deliberations if both the state and the defendant consent. Rules suspended; reported with amendments.

# SB 53 LAMBERT MOTOR VEHICLES

Authorizes a special prestige plate for Beta Sigma Phi. (7/1/01)

Rules suspended.

Read by title and finally passed, 36 yeas and 1 nays. Title read and adopted and bill ordered to the House. Motion to reconsider tabled.

### SB 80 C FIELDS CRIME/PUNISHMENT

Creates a study commission to study capital punishment in the state.

Read by title and finally passed, 24 yeas and 11 nays. Title read and adopted and bill ordered to the House. Motion to reconsider tabled.

### SB 82 C FIELDS PARDON/PAROLE

Constitutional amendment to require that favorable recommendations by the Board of Pardons take effect sixty days after receipt unless denied by the governor.

Rules suspended; reported favorably.

# SB 100 C D JONES FEES/LICENSES/PERMITS

Increases the appearance bond fee payable to municipal chiefs of police. (gov sig)

Rules suspended; reported with amendments.

### SB 110 THOMAS MOTOR VEHICLES

Authorizes motorcycles to have a special prestige license plate for veterans.

Rules suspended.

Read by title and finally passed, 37 yeas and 1 nays. Title read and adopted and bill ordered to the House. Motion to reconsider tabled.

### SB 113 ELLINGTON SCHOOLS

Changes references in the high school career options program from a vocational major to a career major and provides for program reporting requirements. (gov sig)

Rules suspended.

Read by title and finally passed, 38 yeas and 0 nays. Title read and adopted and bill ordered to the House. Motion to reconsider tabled.

### SB 114 THEUNISSEN SCHOOLS

Adds certain school administrators as eligible to earn the NBPTS certification salary adjustment of \$5,000 and extends the period of eligibility for such adjustment from certified by 7-1-02 to certified by 7-1-07. (gov sig)

Rules suspended.

Read by title and finally passed, 36 yeas and 1 nays. Title read and adopted and bill ordered to the House. Motion to reconsider tabled.

# SB 152 SCHEDLER MOTOR VEHICLES

Creates the Louisiana Nursing Foundation special prestige license plate.

Rules suspended.

Read by title and finally passed as amended 37 yeas and 0 nays. Title read and adopted, bill ordered to the House. Motion to reconsider tabled.

### SB 163 FONTENOT CORONERS

Constitutional amendment to authorize the qualifications for office of coroner in Livingston Parish to be established by

law. (2/3-CA13s1(A))

Rules suspended.

Read by title and finally passed, 31 yeas and 3 nays. Title read and adopted and bill ordered to the House. Motion to reconsider tabled.

SB 165 MARIONNEAUX LEGISLATION

Constitutional amendment to provide that local or special bills shall be defined as established by law (2/3-CA13s1(A))

Rules suspended.

Read by title. Returned to the calendar subject to call.

SB 166 MARIONNEAUX LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS

Constitutional amendment to provide for annual general sessions of the legislature. (2/3-CA13s1(A))

Rules suspended; read by title, recommitted to the Committee on FINANCE.

SB 182 MICHOT MOTOR VEHICLES

Creates the Camp Woodmen special prestige license plate.

Rules suspended.

Read by title and finally passed, 35 yeas and 1 nays. Title read and adopted and bill ordered to the House. Motion to reconsider tabled.

SB 197 ULLO CEMETERIES

Provides relative to the regulation, operation and maintenance of cemeteries.

Rules suspended.

Read by title and finally passed as amended 39 yeas and 0 nays. Title read and adopted, bill ordered to the House. Motion to reconsider tabled.

SB 204 W FIELDS MOTOR VEHICLES

Creates a prestige license plate for the New Orleans Saints. Rules suspended.

Read by title. Returned to the calendar subject to call.

SB 217 MCPHERSON CRIME/PUNISHMENT

Creates the crime of theft of the assets of an aged or disabled person and provides for penalities.

Rules suspended; reported favorably.

SB 218 MARIONNEAUX LEGISLATION

Provides for the notice requirements for certain local and special bills.

Rules suspended.

Read by title. Returned to the calendar subject to call.

SB 228 MOUNT ROADS/HIGHWAYS

Names I-210 in Lake Charles the "Doug Fournet Memorial Parkway."

Rules suspended.

Read by title and finally passed, 36 yeas and 0 nays. Title read and adopted and bill ordered to the House. Motion to reconsider tabled.

SB 229 SCHEDLER HEALTH CARE

Creates the Louisiana Birth Defects Surveillance System and advisory board.

Rules suspended.

Read by title and finally passed as amended 38 yeas and 1 nays. Title read and adopted, bill ordered to the House. Motion to reconsider tabled.

SB 234 FONTENOT MOTOR VEHICLES

Exempts trailers, light trailers, and semitrailers from the additional \$3 safety inspection fee in nonattainment parishes and municipalities.

Rules suspended.

Read by title and finally passed, 39 yeas and 0 nays. Title read and adopted and bill ordered to the House. Motion to reconsider tabled.

SB 236 ULLO EXCEPTIONAL PERSONS

Provides for preferences granted to blind vendors under the Randolph-Sheppard Act to apply in technical colleges. (gov sig) Rules suspended.

Read by title. Returned to the calendar subject to call.

SB 247 SCHEDLER SCHOOLS

Provides a salary supplement for certain school counselors who have met the requirements and acquired the NCSC credential. (gov sig.)

Rules suspended.

Read by title and finally passed, 37 yeas and 2 nays. read and adopted and bill ordered to the House. Motion to reconsider tabled.

#### SB 252 CRAVINS CIVIL SERVICE

Authorizes the members of the Opelousas Fire and Police Civil Service Board to receive fifty-five dollars per meeting not to exceed two meetings per month. (gov sig)

Rules suspended.

Read by title. Returned to the calendar subject to call.

SB 279 DARDENNE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

Authorizes administrative law judges to conduct certain adjudications or conferences by electronic means.

Rules suspended; reported with amendments.

282 CLERKS OF COURT SB

> Authorizes the Livingston Parish Clerk of Court to establish and maintain up to two branch offices in Livingston Parish. Rules suspended; reported favorably.

SB 283 SCHOOLS

Authorizes with voter approval, the levy and collection of a parcel fee by School District No. 4 of the parish of Cameron for operating, maintaining and improving the school system including the payment of any debts incurred for such purposes. (gov sig) Rules suspended.

Read by title and finally passed, 39 yeas and 0 nays. Title read and adopted and bill ordered to the House. Motion to reconsider tabled.

SB 284 SPECIAL DISTRICTS

> Provides relative to the terms of members of the board of commissioners of Iberia Parish Hospital Service District No. 1. (7/1/01)

Rules suspended.

Read by title and finally passed, 39 yeas and 0 nays. Title read and adopted and bill ordered to the House. Motion to reconsider tabled.

SB 297 SCHEDLER

Provides relative to office space for the Board of Examiners of Nursing Facility Administrators.

Rules suspended.

Read by title and finally passed, 39 yeas and 0 nays. Title read and adopted and bill ordered to the House. Motion to reconsider tabled.

SB 306 C FIELDS CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Provides for DNA testing at the request of persons confined, paroled, or otherwise released due to conviction or pleading guilty to certain offenses and requires that district attorneys release evidence for such testing.

Rules suspended; read by title, recommitted to the Committee on JUDICIARY B.

SB 321 ELLINGTON EXPROPRIATION

Authorizes corporations that transmit or distribute electricity and stream for power to expropriate needed property. (gov sig) Rules suspended; reported favorably.

CIVIL SERVICE SB 325 HAINKEL

Removes chief of police for the city of Hammond from the classified service. (2/3-CA10s18)

Rules suspended.

Read by title and finally passed, 39 yeas and 0 nays. Title read and adopted and bill ordered to the House. Motion to reconsider tabled.

SB 335 VITAL STATISTICS

Provides for electronic registration of vital records.

Rules suspended.

Read by title and finally passed, 38 yeas and 0 nays. Title read and adopted and bill ordered to the House. Motion to reconsider tabled.

SB 348 C FIELDS CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

> Requires interest earned on an inmate's earnings be credited to the inmate's account.

Rules suspended; reported with amendments.

SB 379 ELLINGTON SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Creates the Castor Creek Reservoir District.

Rules suspended; reported with amendments.

SB 390 SCHEDLER MOTOR VEHICLES Creates a special license plate for the Louisiana Elks. Rules suspended. Read by title and finally passed as amended 33 yeas and 3nays. Title read and adopted, bill ordered to the House. Motion to reconsider tabled. SB 391 HOSPITALS Provides for limitation of liability for hospital based paternity programs. Rules suspended; reported favorably. SB 393 CIVIL PROCEDURE Provides that an affidavit shall be received before issuing a subpoena for patient records. Rules suspended; reported with amendments. SB 408 C FIELDS PARDON/PAROLE Provides that no law shall be applied retroactively to increase or impose additional punishment. Rules suspended; reported favorably. SB 412 FILLINGTON SPECIAL DISTRICTS Creates the Turkey Creek Reservoir District. Rules suspended; reported with amendments. 424 CRIME/PUNISHMENT SB Creates the crime of illegal possession of a firearm. (1/1/03)Rules suspended, reported without action. SB 425 JOHNSON CRIME/PUNISHMENT Changes the crime of criminal storage of a firearm. Rules suspended; reported with amendments. SB 489 LENTINI MALPRACTICE Provides for medical malpractice claims to have priority on a court's trial docket. Rules suspended; reported with amendments. SB 496 SCHEDLER FUNDS/FUNDING Provides for investment of funds in Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund. Read by title, engrossed and passed to a third reading. SB 497 ELLINGTON MALPRACTICE Provides one-year prescription period for claims against nursing homes. Rules suspended; reported favorably. SB 500 W FIELDS MOTOR VEHICLES Requires the one-time \$25.00 fee for the prestige license plate for Alpha Phi Alpha to be divided evenly between the Beta Iota Lamda Foundation of Alpha Phi Alpha and the fraternity's Louisiana district office. Rules suspended. Read by title and finally passed as amended 32 yeas and 3nays. Title read and adopted, bill ordered to the House. Motion to reconsider tabled. SB 520 C D JONES LAW ENFORCEMENT Increases the appearance bond fee payable to municipal chiefs of police. (gov sig) Rules suspended; read by title, recommitted to the Committee on JUDICIARY B. SB 534 LENTINI MALPRACTICE Provides that claims be resolved in a fair and expeditious manner, without unreasonable delay. Rules suspended; reported with amendments. SB 561 C FIELDS **JUDGES** Creates an additional judgeship in the Nineteenth Judicial District. (qov siq) Rules suspended; reported favorably. SB 564 C ROMERO JUDGES Authorizes federal court judges to perform marriage ceremonies

SB 571 ULLO MUNICIPALITIES

Authorizes presiding officer of mayor's courts in Lawrason Act municipalities to use probation in punishment for violation of municipal ordinances.

Rules suspended; reported with amendments.

Rules suspended; reported with amendments.

within the state. (gov sig)

SB 578 SHRIMP/SHRIMPING Provides for bid specifications for the purchase of shrimp by the state.

Read by title, engrossed and passed to a third reading.

#### SB 615 FONTENOT COURTS

Provides relative to the use of surplus funds for payment of off-duty police in the 21st Judicial District.

Rules suspended; reported with amendments.

#### SB 657 B JONES TAX/TAXATION

Creates rule to cease business activity and suspend stategranted trade, occupational, or professional license for willful failure to pay individual income tax and related charges due as result of final assessment or judgment over \$5,000. (7/1/01) Read by title, committee amendments read and adopted.

Ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SB 658 B JONES TAX/TAXATION

> Expands the definition of "false or fraudulent return" for the purpose of suspending prescription. (7/1/01)

Read by title, committee amendments read and adopted. Ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SB 659 B JONES TAX/TAXATION

> Interrupts the running of prescription for failure to file any tax return, rather that just income and franchise tax returns. (7/1/01)

Read by title, committee amendments read and adopted. Ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SB 660 B JONES TAX/TAXATION

> Defines false or fraudulent return for purpose of imposition of 50% civil penalty, including a return for which payment is made with a "worthless check" and provides procedure to establish if it was issued with intent to defraud. (7/1/01)

Read by title, committee amendments read and adopted. Ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SB 665 CRIME/PUNISHMENT

Includes as a "worthless check" one issued for amounts related to state taxes. (7/1/01)

Read by title, committee amendments read and adopted. Ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SB 669 TAX/TAXATION

Creates a rule to cease business for the secretary of the Department of Revenue to use to collect final assessments and court judgments of sales and withholding tax collected from others. (7/1/01)

Read by title, engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SB 674 REVENUE DEPARTMENT B JONES

Authorizes the Department of Revenue to require a taxpayer to make records available in machine-sensible format. (gov sig) Read by title, committee amendments read and adopted. Ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SB 675 B JONES TAX/TAXATION

Limits the requirement that estimated taxes be paid by persons who can reasonably be expected to have an income tax liability of \$1,000 (up from \$200 in present law). (gov sig)

Read by title, committee amendments read and adopted. Ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SB 678 TAX/TAXATION

> Expands the tax clearance program to include all taxes and to include businesses which provide goods and services to the state and to lottery license renewals. (7/1/01)

Read by title, committee amendments read and adopted. Ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION SB 712 ELLINGTON

Transfers the authority to administer the federal grants for emergency assistance and weatherization services for low income persons from the Dept of Social Services to the La. Housing Finance Agency.

Rules suspended; read by title, recommitted to the Committee on SENATE & GOV AFFAIRS.

SB 713 ELLINGTON MALPRACTICE

> Provides relative to definitions with respect to nursing homes for purposes of medical malpractice claims.

Rules suspended; reported with amendments.

SB 763 ELLINGTON HEALTH CARE

Makes government surveys inadmissible as evidence in certain trials.

Rules suspended; reported with amendments.

SB 770 GAUTREAUX MUNICIPALITIES

Decreases parish population requirement in which a municipal authority may regulate closing time at bars in certain parishes. (gov sig)

Rules suspended; reported with amendments.

SB 779 FONTENOT MOTOR VEHICLES

Requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to establish a prestige license plate for "Unlocking Autism". Rules suspended.

Read by title and finally passed, 35 yeas and 2 nays. Title read and adopted and bill ordered to the House. Motion to reconsider tabled.

SB 830 C ROMERO SHERIFFS

Continues authority for sheriff fees in certain parishes. (gov sig)

Rules suspended; reported favorably.

SB 892 CRAVINS SHERIFFS

Continues authority for sheriff fees in certain parishes. (gov sig)

Rules suspended; reported with amendments.

SB 893 MARIONNEAUX COURTS

Authorizes additional costs in criminal cases to support the CASA programs in the city court of Port Allen and the 18th JDC. Rules suspended; reported with amendments.

SB 898 C FIELDS COURTS

Requires certain city court judgments to be appealed to the district court of the parish in which the original jurisdiction was located.

Rules suspended; reported with amendments.

SB 917 HAINKEL CIVIL PROCEDURE

Provides for court referral of cases to mediation.

Rules suspended; reported favorably.

SB 949 C D JONES CORONERS

Provides for release of autopsy reports upon completion of investigation.

Rules suspended; reported with amendments.

SB 955 DARDENNE LIABILITY

Provides relative to limitation of liability for damages from donated vitamins.

Rules suspended; reported with amendments.

SB 963 LENTINI TUTORSHIP

Provides limited exception from disqualification of a parent as tutor of a minor child.

Rules suspended; reported with amendments.

SB 988 ELLINGTON SANITARY CODE

Prohibits the state health officer or the health officer's designee from requiring a new or existing community water system to demonstrate capacity development for review and approval of plans and specifications of public water works facil Rules suspended; introduced in the Senate. Rules suspended, read first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on HEALTH & WELFARE.

SCR 29 IRONS CONGRESS

Memorializes Congress to address the problem of sexual trafficking.

Rules suspended; reported favorably.

SCR 44 CAIN COMMENDATIONS

Commends Leesville High School Boys Basketball Team on winning the Class 4A State Championship.

Received from the House without amendments.

SCR 54 C FIELDS COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

Requests Southern University's School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs to conduct comprehensive study of status of African Americans in Louisiana.

Rules suspended; introduced in the Senate. Rules suspended, read first and second time by title and referred to the

- HB 19 THOMPSON STUDENT/SCH ATTENDANCE
  - Requries, with certain exceptions, persons having control of a child to send such child to school from the child's 7th birthday until his 18th birthday rather than his 17th birthday Received in the Senate. Rules suspended read first and second time by title and referred to the committee on EDUCATION.
- HB 22 J R SMITH JUDGES

Provides for an additional judgeship in the 30th Judicial District

Received in the Senate. Rules suspended read first and second time by title and referred to the committee on JUDICIARY A.

HB 121 MORRISH COURTS/MAYORS

Authorizes additional court costs in the mayor's court in the town of Elton

Received in the Senate. Rules suspended read first and second time by title and referred to the committee on JUDICIARY A.

HB 130 FAUCHEUX COURTS/MAYORS

Increases court costs for violations of municipal ordinances in the mayor's court in the town of Lutcher

Received in the Senate. Rules suspended read first and second time by title and referred to the committee on JUDICIARY A.

HB 131 FAUCHEUX COURTS/MAYORS

Increases court costs for violations of municipal ordinances in the mayor's court in the town of Gramercy

Received in the Senate. Rules suspended read first and second time by title and referred to the committee on JUDICIARY A.

HB 138 FARRAR COURTS/CITY

Provides for additional fees in criminal matters in the city court of Pineville

Received in the Senate. Rules suspended read first and second time by title and referred to the committee on JUDICIARY A.

HB 150 R ALEXANDER CLERKS OF COURT

Provides for a branch office of the clerk of court in Bienville Parish

Received in the Senate. Rules suspended read first and second time by title and referred to the committee on JUDICIARY A.

HB 178 MONTGOMERY COURTS/CITY

Authorizes the City Court of Bossier City to transfer certain surplus funds to the general operational fund

Received in the Senate. Rules suspended read first and second time by title and referred to the committee on JUDICIARY A.

HB 200 R ALEXANDER CLERKS OF COURT

Authorizes the clerks of court of the Second Judicial District to assess additional fees in traffic cases

Received in the Senate. Rules suspended read first and second time by title and referred to the committee on JUDICIARY A.

HB 215 PITRE JUDGES

Provides for an additional judgeship in the 17th Judicial District

Received in the Senate. Rules suspended read first and second time by title and referred to the committee on JUDICIARY A.

HB 228 FAUCHEUX CLERKS OF COURT

Provides for a branch office of the clerk of court in St. John the Baptist Parish

Received in the Senate. Rules suspended read first and second time by title and referred to the committee on JUDICIARY A.

HB 390 TOOMY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS/ASST

Omnibus assistant district attorney bill

Received in the Senate. Rules suspended read first and second time by title and referred to the committee on JUDICIARY C.

### HB 430 LANCASTER CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOS

Repeals provision requiring an out-of-state political committee exempted from campaign finance recordkeeping and disclosure requirements to file copies of portions of FEC reports in Louisiana elections

Received in the Senate. Rules suspended read first and second time by title and referred to the committee on SENATE & GOV AFFAIRS.

### HB 597 BOWLER WORKERS COMPENSATION

Allows penalties for the discontinuance of workers' compensation payments

Received in the Senate. Rules suspended read first and second time by title and referred to the committee on LABOR & IND RELATION.

### HB 663 HILL JUDGES

Provides for an additional judgeship in the 33rd Judicial District

Received in the Senate. Rules suspended read first and second time by title and referred to the committee on JUDICIARY A.

# HB 724 SHAW SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH

Designates August 16 "National Airborne Day"
Received in the Senate. Rules suspended read first and second time by title and referred to the committee on SENATE & GOV AFFAIRS.

### HB 794 THOMPSON SCHOOLS/CHARTER

Provides relative to requirements for enrolling at-risk pupils in certain charter schools in certain parishes

Received in the Senate. Rules suspended read first and second time by title and referred to the committee on EDUCATION.

### HB 1255 LEBLANC SCHOOLS/CHARTER

Relative to adjustments in allocations made to type 2 charter schools, authorizes BESE to provide for a second pupil membership count.

Received in the Senate. Rules suspended read first and second time by title and referred to the committee on EDUCATION.

# HCR 49 LUCAS SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH

Recognizes the last week in April of every year as Minister Appreciation Week

Received in the Senate. Rules suspended, read by title and concurred in by the vote of 36 yeas and 0 nays and ordered to the House.

## HCR 50 LUCAS CONGRESS

Memorializes the United States Congress to recognize the last week in April of every year as Minister Appreciation Week Received in the Senate. Rules suspended read first and second time by title and referred to the committee on SENATE & GOV AFFAIRS.